

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Kindly amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 5-15 as follows:

The Revenue Protection for Redirections involves the following steps: Each envelope that has been sorted via automatic equipment has a barcoded Tag Id (TID) that when scanned upon re-entry into the network (as an Ad Hoc Forward) is detected as an expired TID. Most automated worldwide posts include the use of a TIED. This flags the envelope as an exception that can be either specially image processed or displayed to an operator to confirm it is an ad hoc Forward. (FIG. 3) If no TID is detected, a scanning of the address face (32) would be undertaken so as to determine by means other than TID detection whether the mail piece is re-entering the mail system or otherwise an ad hoc forward. Such other means are known in the art. The ad hoc forwarding address (likely handwritten) will be video coded (30, 34) and a database reference (36, 38) to determine ~~is said if the~~ addressee has paid their Redirection Fee (as further shown in ~~FIG. 3~~ FIGS. 3 and 4). --

Kindly amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 16-25 as follows:

If the database of Fee Paid Redirection confirms that the subject addressee and "new address" are not authorized for Redirection, then the Ad Hoc Forward is used to record (46, 48) the name and addressee of the non-fee paid party and accordingly used to notify the moved party by special postal authority letter (40, 42) that the post will continue to forward such ad hoc mail pieces for X days and cease thereafter if no official forwarding service is requested. (FIG. 4) Alternatively the post can withhold from delivery such ad

hoc forwards in the interim in anticipation of the moved party establishing a paid Forwarding account. This version of Forwarding would also require provision of some storage infrastructure for easy storage and access of such ad hoc Forwards for delivery once an account has been established or for destruction after a given grace period.

Kindly amend the paragraph on page 5, lines 1-3 as follows:

The failure of a new address party to acknowledge a request to set up a Paid Forwarding Account (54) can be used to establish by the post a legal policy of ~~with~~ withholding service and destroying mail pieces (50, 52). (FIG. 5)